

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the present application. The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 4, 7, 12, 14, and 18 as anticipated by Flynn, U.S. Patent No. 5,870,685. Applicant herein presents proposed amendments to the claims in order to place the claims in condition for allowance.

Applicant has amended the claims to further recite a “scheduled” outage. As taught in Applicant’s originally filed specification, an Access Terminal (AT) may have scheduled data service outages due to page monitors or frequency searching. During the outage the AT is not able receive data, as the AT prepares to receive the other information. Ideally, the Access Network (AN) does not transmit data for receipt at the AT during the outage. The AT knows when the outage will occur and sends an outage indicator to the AN to inhibit transmissions during this time.

In contrast, Flynn teaches anticipating low battery condition, and in response canceling call registration so the system does not direct incoming calls to the mobile station. Flynn does not teach outages as disclosed in Applicant’s specification. Nor does Flynn teach a scheduled outage. Further Flynn is not inhibiting data transmissions during an outage period, but rather is prohibiting any calls to the mobile station.

REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application is earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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